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PREFACE

During the Second World War the German Signal Intelligence Control Center of the Staff of the Chief of Army Signal Service (HNW, LNA) issued a series of reports to show the USSR military-economic situation as reflected in Russian internal plain language traffic. These reports appeared at short, irregular intervals, usually six per month, for the period October 1942-March 1945. Eighty three of these reports have been translated and issued by [REDACTED]

It is planned to issue a complete set of translations of the reports, beginning with the most recent and working back-ward, but omitting those already translated by [REDACTED]. The numbering of the items was added by the translator since the Germans did this only in the last eighteen reports, [REDACTED] inclusive. Since the original material was in Russian, an effort has been made when translating the German to determine the original Russian term wherever possible. This is facilitated by the Russian fondness for abbreviations. In these translations into English the probable meaning of the abbreviation will be given in parenthesis the first time it occurs in each report.

The Soviet Union

Military-Economic Report 4/9

(Based on Domestic Radio Traffic)

Individual Messages

1. Personnel Situation

(1) Draft exemptions have not been extended at the enterprises of the NK for Food Industry and the Chief Directorate for Flour Sales. Qualified workers, engineers, technicians, etc. have been called up at both enterprises since 4 September.

(2) A larger transport of workers left Kupyansk station for Gubakha Station on the Perm Railway. 75 cars are required for this transport. The workers are being assigned to the NK for the Chemical Industry.

(3) From Rostov/Don 125 harvesters are being conscripted for the enterprises of the NK for Agriculture in Omsk. In addition 1000 military conscripts are being transported for enterprises of the NK for the Iron Industry. For three days of travel each person was given 1,500 grams of bread.

(4) Tkvibuli Coal employs 1,908 workers at the mines.

(5) Higher wages for work have not yet been introduced in individual rajons of the River Fleet in Omsk.

(6) An institute for shipbuilding is located in Ilijsk NKRF. Women are also being accepted for training.

(7) According to a message from Moscow to Kujbyshev, on the basis of an order of the Higher Courts of Justice, all punishment cases against employees of the River Fleet, who have not yet become 16 years of age, are subject to review. If the occasion arises, a lighter or heavier sentence is to be proposed.

2. The Food Situation

(8) The Krasnodar Food Industry has the following production plan for September:

For the Kraj: 40 tons, dried fruits; 20 tons, baker's products; 5 tons, sweets; 16 tons, canned juices.

For the City district: 35 tons, dried fruits; 5 tons, sauerkraut; 60 tons, salted tomatoes; 10 tons, salted mushrooms; 20 tons, stewed plums; 5 tons, sweets; 10 tons canned juices; 30 tons, melon preserves.

In addition it delivered 1600 tons of industrial grade grapes on 1 September.

(9) The Oblast' authorities of the NK for Procurement in Krasnodar from 10 to 15 August transported 9,971 tons of grain (20,084 tons since the beginning of work); consequently there were lost: 2,514 motor-vehicle days of which 845 motor-vehicle days lost because of lack of fuel; 908 motor-vehicle days lost because of repair work; 104 motor-vehicle days lost because of loss of way; 657 motor-vehicle days lost because of lack of freight.

(10) Avchaly produced 152,800 bottles of champagne in August.

(11) The Meat and Dairy Sales in Baku has a balance of 4,000 canned goods.

(12) In August the Chief Directorate of Bread Grains in Tiflis had the following turnover of pastry flour: received, 23 tons; consumed, 53 tons; balance, 64 tons.

(13) A fishery of the NKRF is being set up in Astrakhan to create additional supply sources for ships crews and harbor personnel. For this purpose Gorkij NKRF has made available 30 fishermen.

(14) The Alaverdy copper works requires additionally for August 3 tons of coarse grains for 70 head of cattle.

(15) Two breweries in Krasnodar are shut down because of the lack of hops.

(16) Moscow reported to the Ukrainian Grain Procurement of Dvurechnoe, that the North Donets Railway is not assuring the delivery of flour for the railway workers. Of a July requirement of 102 tons of flour, only 18.7 tons were delivered.

(17) The Tobacco Directorate in Krasnodar harvested from 130 hectares a total of 39 tons of winter grain. The grain is unsuitable for sowing purposes. 168 tons of winter seed grain are needed.

(18) In the Novosibirsk NKRF reaping of the grain and particularly the threshing are making exceptionally slow progress. A large number of workers and transport equipment will be required for the harvest and threshing work.

(19) The Sovkhoz Directorate of the Uralsk NKRF will set aside under government decree an additional 1,000 hectares of meadow for hay procurement. The Uralsk NKRF stands in the last place with regard to hay harvest.

(20) In connection with the great shortage of potatoes at the Central and Lower Volga Steamship Agency, the import of potatoes from other regions is required. For this purpose Novosibirsk NKRF is to make available from 800 to 1,000 tons. With reference to the difficulties of transporting new potatoes, necessary preparations should be taken in order to be able to begin drying newly harvested potatoes immediately at the beginning of the potato harvest.

(21) Rostov/Don repaired as of 1 September stables: for 2,190 cattle; 890 hogs; and 15,700 sheep and poultry.

(22) In Moscow an examination is to be made in October of the results of the work of the Sovkhozes and the agricultural relief enterprises of the NKRF. An exhibition of the best products of the work is scheduled.

Authorizations

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(23)	Anna Station, Annensk Distillery	250 tons	Malt	Rostov/Don, Grain Procurement	Shipment in September
(24)	Butulinovka Station, Butulinovka Distillery	50 tons	Malt	"	"
(25)	Kazinka Station, Lipetsk Distillery	200	Malt	"	"
(26)	Nekrylovo Station, Krasnyansk Distillery	100	Malt	"	"
(27)	Plavitsa Station, "Proletarier" Distillery	50	Malt	"	"
(28)	Polovtsevo Station, Ilmensk Distillery	50	Malt	"	"
(29)	Rostov/Don, Cannery 3		Macaroni	Rostov/Don, CD for Flour Products	For Sept.
(30)	Red Army	70	Pickled cucumbers and toma- toes	Krasnodar, Rostov Fruit and Vegetable Directorate	Delivery in September
(31)	Red Army	200	"	Krasnodar, Oblast' Food Industry	"
(32)	Liberated Oblast'	3000 head	Poultry	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Cattle Procurement	---
(33)	Rajons of the Uk- raine SSR	500	Poultry for breed- ing	Rostov Oblast', Nikolaev Cattle Pro- curement	---
(34)	Voroshilovgrad Oblast' Melovsk Rajon, Chert- kovo Station	11200	Poultry	Belaya Kalitva, Rostov- Don Oblast'	Shipment in September

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(35)	Voroshilov-grad Oblast', Melovsk Rajon, Chertkovo Station	1200 head	Poultry	Salsk, Rostov Oblast'	Shipment in Sept.
(36)	"	700	Poultry	Morozovskaya, Rostov/Don Oblast'	Shipment from 11 to 30 September.
(37)	Dagestan Prison Directorate	15 tons	Fish	Makhachkala	----
(38)	Rostov/Don, Construction of the NK for Iron	200 liters	Vodka	Pyatigorsk, Alcohol Trust	For 3rd and 4th quarters.

DELIVERIES

(39) For "Procurement of Living Animals" in Rostov/Don 20 young bulls were shipped from the Ulyanovsk Railway Station.

3. OIL SUPPLY

(40) Rostov/Don: The fuel supply at the "Azov-Black Sea Power" is strained and only a fuel supply for 5 days is on hand. An advance of 5 tons of gasoline is required for September.

(41) Shakhty: A very difficult situation exists at the mines of Rostov Oblast' because of the lack of fuel. In accordance with an order of the State Committee for National Defense, the depots of the Southern Front are to deliver 100 tons of gasoline for the transport of coal from storage to railway shipment points. The delivery has not yet been carried out. In case the gasoline is not immediately delivered, the transport of coal by trucks will be suspended and the loading of coal into railway cars will be impossible. Immediate delivery is required of 100 tons of gasoline for "Rostov Coal" and 100 tons of gasoline for "Voroshilov Coal". Simultaneously it is requested that, from the gasoline existing on the railroad, 250 tons be directed to "Rostov Coal" and 250 tons to "Voroshilov Coal".

(42) Ust'-Usa NKRF filled its fuel requirements too late. The allocation for September has already been distributed so that the requirement of 26 tons of gasoline and 15 tons of petroleum can not be promised. The distribution of petroleum goes exclusively for agricultural work.

REQUIREMENTS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(43)	Stavropol, Machine Industry	100 tons	Oil	----	Plants are idle because of the lack of oil.
(44)	Krasnodar, Plant "Oktyabr"	10	Oil	----	For thermo-oven.
(45)	Tiflis, Georgian Tea Directorate	603	Gasoline	----	For September
(46)	Krasnodar, Plant "Oktyabr"	2	Ligroin	----	For firewood-transport in Sept.

AUTHORIZATIONS

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(47)	Moltov, Water Transport Base	200 tons	Mazut	----	----
(48)	Sovetsk, Vyatka Steamship Agency	400	Mazut	Molotov	----
(49)	Derbeshka, NKRF Workshops	100	Oil	Gorkij	For winter repair work
(50)	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	18	Oil	----	For September
(51)	Salsk, Military Stud Farm	40	Oil	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front (Fuel and Grease Directorate)	"
(52)	Voroshilovgrad, NK for Communications	1.2	Oil	----	"
(53)	Rostov/Don, Azov-Black Sea Power Circuit Directorate	10	Diesel oil	Rostov/Don, Oil Sales	"
(54)	Rostov-NKRF	49.5	Diesel oil	----	"
(55)	Rostov/Don Grain Procurement	0.6	Diesel oil	----	"
(56)	Groznyj, Checheno-Ingush Street Directorate	3	Petroleum	Checheno-Ingush Oil Supply	For August
(57)	Gorkij, Upper Volga Steamship Agency	380	Petroleum	----	----
(58)	Rostov/Don, Azov-Black Sea Power	15	Petroleum	Rostov/Don Oil Sales	For September
(58a)	"	3	Petroleum	Krasnodar, "GRES"	"

SECURITY INFORMATION

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(59)	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	1.5 tons	Petroleum	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	For own needs
(60)	Rostov/Don Oblast' Health Directorate	2	Petroleum	"	For September
(61)	Rostov-NKRF	18	Petroleum	----	"
(62)	Rostov/Don, Grain Procure- ment	4	Petroleum	----	"
(63)	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Heating Material Direc- torate	2	Petroleum	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	----
(64)	Rostov/Don, CD for Technical Supply of the Oil Industry	2	Petroleum	----	For September
(65)	Rostov/Don, Plant "Prole- tarskij Molot" of NK for the Metal Industry	1	Petroleum	----	"
(66)	Rostov/Don, Grain Procure- ment	10	Petroleum	----	"
(67)	Salsk, Military Stud Farm	400	Petroleum	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front	"
(68)	Ufa-NKRF	2.5 3.5 15	Petroleum Petroleum Petroleum	---- ---- Kamust'e	For August For September Additional
(69)	Voroshilovgrad, NK for Communi- cations	0.1	Petroleum	----	For September
(70)	Groznyj, Chech- eno-Ingush Street Directorate	1	Gasoline	Checheno-Ingush Oil Supply	For August
(71)	Krasnodar, Procurement of Animal Raw Material	4	Gasoline	----	For September
(72)	Rostov/Don, Azov/Black Sea Power	2	Gasoline	Krasnodar, "GRES"	"
(73)	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Health Directorate	1	Gasoline	Rostov/Don, Oil Supply	"
(74)	Rostov-NKRF	4.5	Gasoline	----	"

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(75)	Rostov/Don, Grain Pro- curement	1 ton	Gasoline	----	For September
(76)	Rostov/Don, Oblast' Heat- ing Material Directorate	3	Gasoline	Rostov/Don, Naphtha Supply	----
(77)	Rostov/Don, CD for Tech- nical Supply of the Oil In - dustry	2	Gasoline	----	For September
(78)	Rostov/Don Grain Pro- curement	1.2	Gasoline	----	"
(79)	Salsk, Mili- tary Stud Farm	40	Gasoline	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front	"
(80)	Tikhvin, Lenin- grad Timber Supply	50	Gasoline	----	For transporting wood to Leningrad
(81)	Leningrad, Timber Indus- try	35	Gasoline	----	----
(82)	Ufa-NKRF	1.3	Gasoline	----	For August
		1.3	Gasoline	----	For September
(83)	Voroshilovgrad, NK for Communi- cations	4	Gasoline	----	"
(84)	Kujbyshev- NKRF	0.5	Ligroin	Kujbyshev, Oil Supply	"
(85)	Rostov/Don Oil Supply	4	Ligroin	Rostov/Don, Oil Supply	For own needs
(86)	Rostov/Don, NKRF	7.5	Ligroin	----	----
(87)	Rostov/Don, Plant "Prole- tarskij Molot" of NK for the Metal Industry	3	Ligroin	----	For September
(88)	Rostov/Don, Grain Procure- ment	2.5	Ligroin	----	"
(89)	Salsk, Military Stud Farm	15	Ligroin	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front	"
(90)	Ufa-NKRF	0.5	Ligroin	----	For August
		0.5	Ligroin	----	For September
(91)	Middle Volga Steamship Agency	100	Machine oil	Gorkij, Oil Supply	"

	<u>Consignee</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Consignor</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(92)	Molotov, Water Trans- port Base	50 tons	Motor oil	----	----
(93)	Rostov-NKRF	4	Motor oil	----	For September
(94)	Astrakhan, Volgatanker	2	Cylinder oil	Astrakhan, Oil Sales	Additional for Sept.
(95)	Middle Volga Steamship	5 8	Spindle oil Cylinder oil	Gorkij, Oil Supply "	" "
	Agency	30	Viscosine	"	"
(96)	Salsk, Military Stud Farm	30	Avtol	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front	For September
(97)	Middle Volga Steamship Agency	11	Solidol	Gorkij, Oil Supply	Additional for Sept.
(98)	Lower Irtysh Steamship Agency	4	Solidol	Omsk, Oil Supply	"
(99)	Salsk, Military Stud Farm	20	Solidol	"USG" of the North Caucasian Front	For September
(100)	Lower Volga Steamship Agency	1.3	Transformer oil	Stalingrad, Oil Supply	Additional for September

DELIVERIES

(101) In July Krasnovodsk shipped to Krasnoyarsk NKRF 7 tank cars of avtol, 2 tank cars of machine oil and 4 tank cars of viscosine.

4. PRODUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION

(102) Krasnodar: As of 1 September 85 mills were repaired and 29 mills were built. One mill is under repair.

(103) The buildings of the Municipal Streetcar Line are not yet ready. 120 generator brushes 30 x 30 x 40 mm., Mark "GS", 160 exciter brushes 20 x 30 x 40 mm., Mark "G2" and 60 metal brushes, 120 x 12 x 150 mm. are required for the Municipal Electrical Plant.

(104) The following is to be shipped to Armavir for the third quarter for work scheduled on the Voroshilov Railway Line: 100 tons, girders; 67 tons, sectional iron; 10 tons, sheets; 20 tons, roofing sheets; 1.5 tons of gas pipes.

(105) For the reconstruction of tractor workshops, tractor stations, and tractor repair plants in the liberated Ukrainian oblasti, the following building materials are made available: 1,100 cu. meters of poles; 1,100 cu. meters of saw timber; 25 cu. meters of ply wood; 7,000 sq. meters of glass; 180 rolls of roofing paper; 34 tons of cement; 7 tons of nails; 1.8 tons of varnish; 1.3 tons of red lead; 0.5 tons of chalk.

(106) The glass works in Dagestansk-ye Ogn-ye has to carry out the following deliveries in September for reconstruction work: Shakhtnaya Railway Station, Technical Base of Rostov Coal, 3 cars of window glass; Dolshansk Railway Station, Technical Base of Voroshilovgrad Coal, 2 cars of window glass; Tikhoretsk Locomotive Repair Works, 1 car of glass.

(107) The match factory in Mcheta manufactured in June 575 boxes, in July 721 boxes, and in August 1,880 boxes of matches.

(108) Tiflis, Georgian Hosiery Mill, is to ship 6 lap machines to the First Hosiery Factory in Frunze.

(109) Leningrad, "Klapan", is to deliver to Plant 190 four turbo-ventilators of 65,000 cu. meters capacity with diffusers, 2 turbo-ventilators each of 22,000 cu. meters capacity without diffusers.

(110) The Tavda Shipyard has to make ready two coal tug boats in September and one in October.

(111) The digging at the dock yards in Kujbyshev is unsatisfactory.

(112) Ust'Usa NKRF begins repairing ships which are out of service because they cannot be put to any use.

(113) Kujbyshev NKRF is to receive through the local Railway Directorate used and broken car axles as scrap for use in the manufacture of ship's parts and in ship repair work.

(114) The Water Transport Base in Omsk received a preliminary authorization of 1,600,000 rubles for ship's repairs in the winter half year of 1943-44.

(115) The following is needed in Erevan for construction work at Plant #447 of the NK for the Aviation Industry: 50 cars, cement; 80 cars, wood; 60 cars, firewood; 210 cars, additional building material.

5. TRANSPORT SITUATION

(116) The following offices of the NKRF have to carry out the following grain transport in September:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Grain Tons</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Molotov NKRF	6,900	-----
	14,540	For Grain Procurement in Izhevsk

<u>Office</u>	<u>Grain Tons</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Kirov NKRF	11,000	-----
Kujbyshev NKRF	38,000	-----
Saratov NKRF	31,400	-----
Ilijsk NKRF	700	-----
Omsk NKRF	22,000	From Grain Procurement in Omsk, in the first two ten day periods of Sept.
	12,000	From Grain Procurement in Pavlodar in the first two ten day periods of Sept.
Gorkij NKRF	2,000	For Grain Procurement in Ivanovo
Belaya Steamship Agency in Ufa	4,100	

(117) Because of insufficient water depth the Upper Irtysh Steamship Agency can not fulfill the grain transport plans for August.

(118) Ilijsk, Rybache, Chardzhou, and Aralsk NKRF are already in the first days of September behind in the fulfillment of the transport plan.

(119) 5,000 tons of coal, which are destined for the Ore Directorate in Syzran, have been stored at Semipalatinsk NKRF.

(120) A daily total norm of goods of 36 cars was established for Gorkij NKRF in September.

(121) From Astrakhan 14,221 tons of mazut were transported to Gorkij for the NK for Oil and 7,300 tons of mazut to Kamust'e for the same office. Kujbyshev NKRF is to transport 730 tons of coke to Batraki in the first days of September.

(122) According to an order of the State Defense Committee, the NKRF office in Molotov has to transport 5,000 tons of metal in September for the plant of the NK for the Iron Industry. The city of Stalingrad requires 6 cars for scrap. These cars are to be made available at Abganerovo Railway Station. Railway station of destination is Magnitogorsk.

(123) Erevan, Light Industry, requires three cars for transport of overshoes to the military authorities in October.